

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd
Minutes of Board Meeting
10:30 am, 25 February 2004
Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative Ltd
Brens Drive, Parkville

PRESENT

Tony O'Shea, N. Black, David Dinning, Graeme Charles and David Griffiths

Minutes of the previous meeting

That the minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2003 be approved as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

M: N. Black S: T.Oshea CARRIED

Co-option of Graeme Charles

That Graeme Charles is co-opted to the board for the meeting.

M: N. Black S: David Dinning CARRIED

Chairman's Report

The Chairman reported that due to other circumstances he had been unable

australia.coop

The board noted the continued success of australia.coop and the work of the Secretary was praised but questions were asked about what exactly was being achieved and how this related to CFV's objectives.

The Secretary suggested that australia.coop was central to CFV's objectives - significantly contributing to co-operative advocacy and education. He said the issue was to build-on the success of australia.coop

australia.coop stats 18 October 2003 – 31 January 2004 (106 days):

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| Visitors | 12,044 |
| Average visitors per day | 113 |
| Visit more than once | 1068 |
| Visitors who bookmarked site | 281 |
| Total hits | 46,756 |
| Total page views | 22,920 |
| Total data transfer | 1.75 GB |
| Coop referring urls | 91 CFWA 59 ACCORD 30 UNIWISC 18 ICA 11 COPDEVELOP |

Top Group Files x number of hits

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| Co-operative Governance | 2244 |
| Co-operative Case Studies | 1288 |
| National Co-op Update | 1062 |
| Co-operative History | 1053 |

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| Co-operative history | 1237 |
| Race Mathews papers | 963 |
| Co-operative formation | 780 |
| Credit unions | 625 |
| Co-operative Power | 619 |

Top individual files x number of hits

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| Co-opAdvantage Director Kit | 404 |
| Looting Mutuals (Race Mathews) | 348 |
| Why do co-operatives fail as co-operatives | 336 |
| Top_2003 | 334 |
| The Formation Decision | 300 |
| Dictionary | 294 |
| Governance | 283 |
| Co-op Start Up Manual | 248 |
| IAS | 267 |
| CUNM (Race Mathews) | 224 |
| Deans Governance | 213 |
| Cs Cooperative Purchasing | 185 |
| What is a co-operative feasibility study? | 170 |
| Mark Latham | 170 |
| Cs NETC | 163 |

AGM

That the following delegates be approved:

Mr Kevin Walsh, YCW Co-operative Society Ltd

Mr. Graeme Charles, North East Telecommunications Co-operative Ltd

Mr. Patrick Davis, Waverley Trading Co-operative Limited

M: G. Charles S: N. Black CARRIED

Budget 2003-04

That the 2003-4 budget be adopted as amended.

M: David Dinning S: Graeme Charles CARRIED

The amended budget is attached.

Budget 2004-05

That consideration of the 2004-05 budget be deferred.

CBAV Funding

Co-operative Governance

That the draft booklet be approved without prejudice.

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M: David Dinning S: N. Black CARRIED

Co-operative Manual – 2nd edition

That the 2nd Edition of the Co-op Dictionary be approved for publication.

M: David Dinning S: N. Black

Co-operative Education

Graeme Charles reported on his discussions with Innoven and it was agreed not to pursue this matter any further as Innoven was no longer as supportive of the concept, had reservations about the market and the availability of a Farmbus subsidy was uncertain.

That CFV concentrate its efforts on linking with the UK Co-operative College, that the issue be raised with the CFNSW and the NZCA for possible partnership and that australia.coop promote a future workshop to test interest. M: David Dinning S: Graeme Charles CARRIED

It was noted that Graeme Charles, Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths would consult on the nature of the promotion. It was also noted that Graeme Charles would follow up CFNSW, NZCA and the Co-operative College.

Deferred Items

It was agreed that the following items would be deferred until the next meeting:

Draft Taxation Ruling TR2003/D13 and email from Tim Bunning of 30 January 2004 – Ruling mailed on 12 February 2004

Our Energy – report by Graeme Charles enclosed: Retailer Inertia With Respect Rural Aggregation – the Our Energy Experience Correspondence

Garry Lewis Book brochure
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Mr John Luckman

That this meeting expresses its regret at the passing of John Luckman and affirms to formally write to his family and the YCW Co-operative Society Ltd in appreciation of his contribution and commitment to the co-operative movement. M: David Dinning S: N. Black CARRIED

Future Consultation

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It was agreed that there was a need to consult on the future of the Federation - to address the question of whether the co-operative movement placed sufficient value on the need for a Federation e.g. your attitude to the Federation, what do you expect of it and what did you expect. He said the board would be organizing two or three semi-formal meetings to discuss these issues and invite member, and non-member co-operatives to these meetings.

It was agreed that the agenda and format would be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 10:30 am, 18 March 2004

David Griffiths
Secretary
26 February 2004